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STRIKERS IN AMBUSH SHOOT MEN DOWN

Bloody Battle on Hudson River Pier Results in the Death of Two and Seriously Wounding of Dozen.

MILITIA AID ASKED BY THE RAILROAD

Detectives, Armed Only with Clubs, Seek to Defend the Strikebreakers Helpless on Company's Pier.

HACKENSACK, N. J., Dec. 11.—Several hundred striking employees of the New York, Susquehanna and Western railroad, ambushed under the palisades overlooking the Hudson river, opened fire on a boat load of strikebreakers landing at the coal docks at Edgewater today. In the pitched battle that followed, two railroad detectives were killed and a dozen men were wounded.

A telegram requesting that the militia be called out to quell the disorder was sent to the acting governor of New Jersey by General Superintendent Stone, of the Erie railroad.

Stone escaped a storm of bullets fired by the strikers as he was seeking shelter in a building.

The men killed are: Andrew J. Gray, 23, of Hightstown, N. Y., captain of detectives; and Clarence Malley, 45, one of Gray's men.

The wounded include: John D. Ryan of Jersey City, lieutenant of detectives; William Kink, William A. Woods, Frank A. Brown and William Hicks, all detectives of the Erie railroad. Hicks is in the hospital, wounded thirty-three times. Brown and Woods were shot through the head. Ryan is in the back and chest and King in the right ear.

Strikers Wait Chance.
The men were hiding behind the cliffs, and trees and waited until the score discharged its cargo of men brought to take the strikers' place. A volley of blank cartridges did not frighten the strikebreakers, who pushed forward toward the railroad tracks on the coal wharf. The men in ambush then left their hiding places and, firing real bullets, attempted to swarm out on the wharf. They were met by the private detectives who, unarmed except for clubs, engaged them in a hand to hand struggle.

Three hundred employees, mostly foreigners, of the Susquehanna, which the Erie controls, quit work Sunday, demanding a wage increase of five cents an hour. This demand was denied.

NEW YORK MADE HOME PROGRESSIVE PARTY

Permanent Headquarters in Manhattan Located Despite Some Opposition

CHICAGO, Dec. 11.—New York was selected as permanent headquarters of the executive committee of the progressive party tonight after a fight in which the delegates to the national progressive conference from several states sought to have the headquarters located elsewhere. The vote on this question stood 32 to 12.

SERMON LEADS UP TO MURDER CONFESSION

La Porte Tells of Experience in Salvation Army Hall in Chicago

TUCSON, Ariz., Dec. 11.—Christ's invitation, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden," is what caused the Chicago Police to confess to the Chicago Police a few weeks ago that he killed Walter Taylor, a rancher of this section, five years ago. La Porte, who once repudiated his confession, took the stand in his trial today. He said that he confessed after hearing a sermon at a Salvation army hall in Chicago and went immediately to the police station.

He said today that he killed Taylor but did so in self defense.

Chinese Slave Girls Rescued by U. S. Authorities Tell Strange Tale



Left to right: Tai May, Ah May and Tai You.

Four Chinese girls, ranging in age from 15 to 21 years, were recently discovered by the United States authorities at San Francisco, disguised as members of the Chinese crew of the steamer Nippon Maru. The girls had been confined in coal bunkers during the voyage of twenty-one days, and had lived in total darkness. They told the inspectors that they had

come to Hong Kong from the coast of China to celebrate a Chinese holiday.

They attended a theater together and after the performance fell in with a strange woman, who drugged them. The girls gave their names as Ah May, Tai You and Ah You. They were brought to this country for slavery purposes. They are now on Angel's island awaiting deportation.

WANTS HEARINGS TO END EARLY

Underwood Wishes Time Devoted to Drawing of Bills on Revision of the Tariff

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 11.—I want to see the tariff hearings concluded by the end of January. The ways and means committee will have a chance to work out a rough draft of a bill for use between now and after the present congress expires March 4," said democratic leader Underwood today.

The committee of which he is chairman is already fortified with what Underwood regards as full information regarding the tariff schedules, but the committee, by adopting a schedule of hearings beginning Jan. 6 proposes to allow everybody interested an opportunity to give information on any particular schedule.

Stimson Outlines Plans.
Secretary of War Stimson told the house committee on military affairs today about plans of the government fortifications of Hawaii through works to be built back of Pearl Harbor and about plans for guarding the Panama Canal on land by troops stationed at intervals from one end to the other. The protecting force would number 8,000 or 10,000 men.

Major Gen. Wood completed arrangements to detail more than ten thousand troops for coast defense duty around the Pearl Harbor naval station at Oahu, Hawaiian Islands. The troops include six regiments of infantry, one regiment each of cavalry and artillery, and twelve companies of coast artillery. There are now about 5,000 troops on the island of Oahu.

Taft Heads Red Cross.
President Taft was re-elected today president of the American Red Cross at the eighth annual meeting of the organization. The other officers are: Robert W. DeForest, of New York, vice president; Charles L. McCoo, of Washington, secretary; Sherman Allen, assistant secretary; treasurer; William Bolitt, solicitor of the department of justice, counselor.

ARCHBOLD DEFENSE LOSES ONE POINT

Must Make Boland Own Witness to Prosecute Inquiries Desired

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 11.—Efforts to show that the charges on which Judge Robert W. Archbold of the commerce court, is now standing trial before the senate, as a court impeachment, were the outgrowth of a bias and a "disordered brain" were made today by attorneys for the accused during the testimony of William E. Boland, of Scranton, Pa. Senator Bacon, presiding, ruled these efforts not to be in order during cross examination. Attorney A. S. Worthington, representing Archbold, declared he would call Boland later as his own witness.

MEXICO CASE PUT SQUARELY TO PRESIDENT

Taft Is Told of Unbearable Conditions Prevailing in Various Parts of Riven Sister Republic

INTERVENTION IS NOT SOUGHT FOR

American Businessmen Tell of Injuries and Ask That Rights, Life and Property Be Safeguarded.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—President Taft listened tonight to startling disclosures of present day conditions in Mexico. Four American businessmen, with Mexican interests, two members of the senate and a congressman, sat in the cabinet room and heard the story, vouched for by all, and told the president by one man who has been in the southern republic for the last few weeks.

A tale of outrages on Mexican women, murders, hold-ups of Americans by bandits, who seized the Americans and held them for ransom and general lawlessness and disorder was told.

This story came out at a hearing granted by the president to American businessmen who appeared before the state department and were referred to the White House.

They did not ask intervention, but requested the president to see that Americans are protected and life and property be made safe.

The president promised to take up the case with the department concerned.

LAND OFFICE SCALP MAY DROP IN BASKET

Republicans Urge Man Who Supported Teddy Be Swiftly Retired

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—An effort is being made here by leading Arizona republicans to secure a new man for register of the land office in Arizona. It is charged that the present register repudiated President Taft who appointed him, and came out for Roosevelt. The republican organization of the state is behind the movement for his immediate removal. Lorenzo Hubbell, chairman of the republican state committee of Arizona, is here on business but refused to discuss this matter.

No one connected with the president has anything to say about the Taft appointees who supported Roosevelt, but it is generally understood in political circles here that the president will get around to nearly, if not all of them before he retires from office, as he considers that the men to whom he issued commissions were bound by common decency to remain neutral at heart.

In connection with the above it was learned in Bisbee yesterday that L. E. Higley, a Phoenix real estate agent is being pushed for the position. The term of Mr. Parker, the present incumbent, expires this month and those here who are in touch with the republican organization confidentially expect that his successor will be promptly appointed.

DAY OF EXCITEMENT WHEN PRICES SLUMP

Union Pacific Is Leader of Decline That Approaches Low Records

NEW YORK, N. Y., Dec. 11.—Wall street went through one of the most exciting days of the year today. Leading stocks sold at quotations approaching the low record of 1911. Twenty-five active railroad industrial issues, which make up the usual table of averages, only escaped by a narrow margin from reaching the low level of that period.

Sales in Union Pacific aggregated 235,000 shares, or about 20 per cent of the total business.

SENTENCE IS 100 YEARS

BUTTE, Mont., Dec. 11.—Albert Halk, convicted last week of the murder of Thomas Salonski, was sentenced today to one hundred years in the penitentiary by Judge Doplan. A quarrel between wives led to the killing, which occurred on Aug. 9.

North Carolinian Among Those Slated for Cabinet Positions Under Wilson



Among those who are regarded as certain of cabinet portfolios under the Wilson administration is Josephus Daniels, democratic national committeeman from North Carolina and editor of the Raleigh News and Observer. Daniels was one of the most ardent pre-convention campaign supporters of President-elect Wilson, and for the past two decades has been a staunch democratic worker, having been one of Mr. Bryan's closest advisers in the latter's three campaigns. It is rumored that Mr. Daniels may get the portfolio of postmaster general.

4,000,000 TREES REQUIRED BY OUR AMERICAN XMAS

Christmas Trees for Coming Holiday Will Cost \$2,500,000—Demand Steadily Increasing Say Officials

WHERE THE ANNUAL SUPPLY COMES FROM

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 10.—About \$2,500,000 is expected to change hands in the Christmas tree industry during the two weeks beginning today. Recently the baby pine tree was placed under a federal ban because of the devastation of the "gray moth," but Uncle Sam made the provisions of the quarantine so generous as not to interfere with the Christmas tree trade.

The United States consumes about 4,000,000 Christmas trees every year. The demand is steadily increasing, according to the officials of the Forest Service, who have been studying the subject with a view to determining whether the use of trees for this purpose is likely to affect the interests of the forests of America seriously.

The total cut of Christmas trees each year yields the owner of the lands from which the trees are taken about \$200,000, it is estimated. For the same trees, the consumers who purchase them in the cities, pay about \$2,500,000. The great difference in these two prices represents the joint profits of the shippers and dealers, minus transportation charges.

According to the official reports, New York City and the New England states make holiday use on Christmas of 1,200,000 trees. The chief supplies come from eastern Canada, Maine, New Hampshire, the Berkshire Hills, the Adirondacks, and Catskills, for Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington. The middle west gets its trees mainly from the swamp lands of Minnesota, Michigan and Wisconsin. The south contributes many trees and also the largest supply of holly and other choice varieties of evergreens.

CAMPA IS RELEASED UPON SLOAN'S ORDER

Federal Judge Holds Papers Improperly Drawn Up and Defective

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 11.—Emilio Campa, a leader of Mexican insurgents who has been held in jail nearly three months on a charge of being an alien fugitive from justice, was freed from jail today by order of Judge Sloan, of the federal court, who gave a favorable decision in the habeas corpus proceedings brought in Campa's behalf.

Judge Sloan ruled that the proceedings against Campa were not instituted by the proper authorities and said that the papers were defective in many particulars.

Campa said he would remain here, as he was "through with revolutions."

EASTERN METAL MARKETS

NEW YORK, N. Y., Dec. 11.—Copper steady, 17. to 17.37. Copper arrivals 1555 tons. Exports this month 3675 tons. London copper steady.

THE WEATHER.

ARIZONA—Generally fair, slightly warmer.

COPPER PRICE MADE SUBJECT INVESTIGATION

Spectacular Boost of 1907 Is Inquired into by Money Trust Probers in Connection with Amalgamated

ROCKEFELLER AND ROGERS MENTIONED

New York Bankers Wrathful at Detention from Business But Must Await Their Turns.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 11.—An irate group of New York bankers and brokers, surrounded Samuel Untermyer, counsel for the banking and currency committee of the house, when that committee adjourned the "money trust" hearing late today and demanded either to be excused or placed on the stand at once. These New York men have been in Washington since Monday and were told tonight by Untermyer they would have to wait their turns for examination.

At the hearing today the withholding of vast amounts of copper from the market during 1907, was discussed in connection with stock market transactions in Amalgamated copper stock by Tobias Wolfson, assistant manager of the United Metals Selling company.

The Hocking pool of 1909 was discussed by Perley Morse, the public accountant who went over the books of companies engaged in the pool.

Tells of Copper Boost.
Wolfson testified that from April to October, 1907, his company, of which H. H. Rogers and William Rockefeller were members, accumulated vast holdings of copper. The market price, he said, was 25 cents a pound, but sales during that time amounted to only about \$35,000 pounds as against 11,000,000 in March of that year.

Wolfson said the company sold the metal because it would have to be sold or force the price down, and embarrass the producing companies. The United Selling company advanced money on metal to the producing companies that wished to sell through it. His company, he added, finally was forced to dump the metal on the market in October of that year.

During all this time the price of Amalgamated Copper stock in the market was held up by the price of the metal, was it not? asked Untermyer.

Tells of Stock Profits.

Untermyer produced a record of the operations of Amalgamated stock from 1906 to date to show there was great activity in the purchase of stock for a year prior to March, 1907. At that time, when metal was being held, he said, great quantities of stock were sold on exchange, evidently from the accumulation of former purchasers. Despite sales 2,117,000 shares in March that year the price, which had been 121, was maintained thereafter during the period that copper metal held, until when the metal was released in October and then the stock dropped to 56.

Untermyer endeavored to get Wolfson to connect the two transactions but without result, but Wolfson said at that time his company controlled the sale of fifty or sixty per cent of the entire copper output of the country.

ANSWERS FOR TWO MURDERS

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 11.—The case of Frank Willie Smith, a negro under indictment for double murder, was called for trial today. Smith is charged with having murdered Frank Foxall and Philip Leeper, white bartenders, at a public resort near the State Fair grounds on the evening of October 9, last. The victims met death after having spent the day in company with two women, one of the women left the scene before the murders and the other's story of the negro was discredited at first. The girl said that the negro after killing the two men assaulted her. Smith was captured at Louisville three weeks after the crime and upon his return to this statement is said to have confessed to the killings. In his confession he said the white men first called him names and then hit him with a stone before he began shooting at them. He denied the alleged assault on the woman.

CALIFORNIA FRUIT GROWERS

FRESNO, Cal., Dec. 11.—A large attendance marked the opening here today of the annual convention of the California Fruit Growers' association. The members will spend three days listening to addresses by noted horticultural experts and in discussing questions relating chiefly to citrus culture and viticulture.